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I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified patent application, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).



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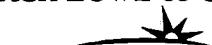
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